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| Applicant: | Bashant <i>et al.</i> | Examiner: | Belix M. Ortiz |
| Title: | SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SYNCHRONIZING RELATED DATA ELEMENTS IN DISPARATE STORAGE SYSTEMS | Docket No.: | END920000147US2 (IBME-0001-DIV) |

Commissioner for Patents
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

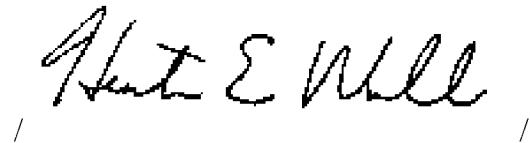
Sir:

On March 5, 2008, a telephonic interview was held with Examiners Ortiz representing the Office and Attorney Hunter E. Webb representing Applicants. On March 27, 2008, the Office mailed its Interview Summary. Applicants respectfully submit the following statement:

During the interview, the rejection of claims 1-10 was discussed. Applicants' representative discussed a possible Examiner's Amendment to overcome a possible 35 U.S.C. §101 issue. Applicants' representative came to an agreement with the Office regarding this amendment. Applicants later submitted a Proposed Amendment to the Examiner, which reflected the agreement. The amendments in the Proposed Amendment are reflected in the Examiner's Amendment included in the Notice of Allowance mailed March 27, 2008.

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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